Students to vote on varsity status

By Christina Summers

Students will soon have the chance to decide whether or not women's hockey will become a varsity sport at UW-Stevens Point.

SGA will be sending a two-part mass e-mail to all UW-SP students concerning the fate of women's hockey after spring break, according to Jeff Buhrandt, vice president of SGA.

The first e-mail will consist of information about the proposal last Thursday evening. Students will participate in the survey and show support for UW-SP athletics.

The second e-mail will consist of a survey, where students can vote if they are in favor of women's hockey gaining varsity status or not.

"Students have a great opportunity to help UW-SP move toward equity in athletics," said Buhrandt.

If the proposal passes, women's hockey will be a varsity sport in the year 2000, and next season will be devoted to strengthening the team to make it more competitive.

SGA hopes to bring a full-time paid coach to the team if it does become varsity.

"If students do vote in favor of varsity status, we want to start building up the team right away, so it will be ready to compete in the year 2000," said Buhrandt.

A faculty consensus on the issue must also be reached.

According to Gene Johnson, chairman of the Athletic Committee, the UW-SP Faculty Senate Executive Committee was briefed on the proposal last week.

"What I'm expecting them to do is to make a final suggestion to Chancellor George," Johnson said. "The exec committee will be meeting one more time and the issue will be discussed again, although the meeting has not been scheduled."

By Ethan J. Meyer and Nathan T. Wallin

The winner of a bikini contest, the most recent in a series at Bruiser's, a popular dance club located in downtown Stevens Point, may not have won solely on the swimsuit she was wearing, according to eyewitnesses.

The bikini contest consisted of six female participants, four of whom removed their clothing in some way. According to reports, a number of males also removed their clothing.

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As the crowd gave its approval, several contestants felt the need to remove articles of clothing during Bruiser's 'Bikini and Boxershort' contest last Thursday evening. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

Three of the four who "stripped" were chosen for the finals, where they competed for $200.

When asked if she felt pressured by the crowd to strip, a female contestant, speaking anonymously, said, "Obviously there was pressure, but I wasn't going to." She added the nudity was not to her liking, and the winning female should have been disqualified for breaking the rules.

When asked if the thought of removing clothes was necessary for the contest's participants to have a chance at winning, Clint Wes said peer pressure played a large part.

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Everything's just ducky in Point

Spring arrives early for one duck walking around Pfiffner Park this week. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)
"I'd say definitely like a lamb. Shoot the lion!"

Jeff Bojar  
Senior, Biology

"Like a lamb, at least there wasn't any snow!"

Stacey Wilson  
Senior, Biology

"A lamb, because we only got bit by the lion in January."

Chad Thomack  
Junior, Biology

"Like a lamb, because even though it hasn't been too bad, I've still been able to bike."

Raun Norby  
Senior, Musical Theatre

Changing the status quo
Proposal could change members of the UW Board of Regents

By Chris Keller  
News Editor

A resolution drafted by members of the Associated Students of Madison, the university's governing student body, would place students onto the Board of Regents through an election. The bill's language calls for an 18 member board with six students. Currently, one student sits on the UW-System's governing body.

"I'm in favor of this resolution. The current power that the Board of Regents has is enough to justify it being an elected body with the possibility of full tuition flexibility, as proposed in the 1999-2001 biennial budget," said Michael Synder, UW-Stevens Point's SGA President.

"If the proposed tuition flexibility is passed, it's imperative that those in charge of setting tuition be an elected, representative body."

Currently, one student sits on the Board of Regents, and is appointed by the governor to a two-year term.

Grant Staszak, a student from UW-River Falls, currently serves in this capacity. His term is up at the end of this year. A similar idea is being sent around the system, adding a higher degree of effect.

Drafted by Henry Fox, a student at UW-Madison, this idea calls for five students to be added to the Board of Regents.

Both proposals address the need for greater student representation in the decisions having to do with tuition, a point Synder feels very strongly about.

"In the spirit of shared governance, it's only logical that at least one-third of the persons serving on the board be students," he said.

Saint Peter's Church offers a beautiful backdrop on this early spring day. (Photo by Nathan T. Wallin)

For whom the bell tolls...

UW-SP's diversity plan nearly finalized

By Erin Yotko  
News Reporter

With UW-Stevens Point's draft of "Plan 2008: A Culture of Diversity" nearing completion, students and faculty can look forward to its implementation and the fulfillment of its goals.

"One major goal of a college education," according to UW-Stevens Point Chancellor Thomas George, "is to prepare students for productive professional and personal lives into the next century."

Critical to realizing this goal is building appreciation and respect for diversity in all of its varied forms. It is hoped that by the year 2008, the multicultural diversity of students, faculty and staff on the UW-SP campus will be significantly increased.

It is hoped that mailings to prospective students and parents, personal visits to those who have been accepted and more high school recruitment visits will aid in opening the eyes of students to the opportunities available to them at UW-SP.

Diverse faculty and staff will be given a greater chance to incorporate into their curriculum lessons dealing with racial, ethnic and cultural issues.

"We want to bring a greater appreciation for different races and cultures to the university," said Ron Strege, director of Multicultural Affairs. "It's important for all students to understand that everyone, no matter what background they may come from, has something to contribute to school."

The plan also calls for 70 percent of all classes that are currently offered to contain some materials and information pertinent to diversity. For example, a biology lab could discuss biologists of different cultures and races who have made significant contributions to that field of study.

"This plan is a big step toward increasing diversity on this campus," said Davida Smith, SGA director of Student Life Issues and one of those instrumental in writing the draft. "I think it has goals that we can reach, but we're really going to have to work at it. We want people to care about improving this campus, and who want to make a difference in the lives of students here."

Once the draft is completed, said Smith, a forum will be held, where multicultural students will have the opportunity to express their opinions on the plan and make suggestions that could further ensure its success.

The latest scoop

UGANDA

- Soldiers from the countries of Uganda and Rwanda began a manhunt Wednesday for Rwandan rebels who killed eight foreign tourists visiting a jungle made famous by the 1988 film, "Gorillas in the Mist."

Two Americans, four Britians and two New Zealanders were killed Monday after the Congo-based Hutu rebels raided the tourist camp.

Seventeen others escaped the rebels' raid of the tourist camp.

WASHINGTON D.C.

- Republican congressional leaders began to discuss ways to end the long-standing practice of using Social Security money for other purposes. The plan would allow Congress to dip into Social Security funds for the next several years but would wall off the funds from the rest of the Federal budget.

SAN FRANCISCO

- After years of negotiations, federal and California officials and the Pacific Lumber Company agreed to a deal that will turn the largest privately owned grove of ancient redwood trees in the world into a public preserve. The deal will preserve about 10,000 acres of giant redwoods in northern California's Humboldt County.

MADISON

- UW-Madison faculty abolished, for the most part, a code that would hold faculty responsible for offensive speech, by deleting a punishment provision that would have allowed for discipline in some circumstances.

APPLETON

- A Wisconsin lawyer has proposed the creation of a web site posting the names and addresses of the top 100 delinquent taxpayers in the state.

ODAHA - Students at Odaha are trying to improve the situation in the decisions having to do with ...
Poms-runner-up in national competition

Members of the second-place Americup Championships include: (Front Row, from left) Angie Burmeister, Kelli Eisenberg, Shandy Heatwole (Second Row) Traci Bliven, Jane Krepsky, Tara Schubert, Jessica Pigeon, Nikki Groshek (Third Row) Hilliary Murphy, Armanda Freund, Julie Nawrocki, Beth McAllister, Cathy Danko, Angie Hofschulte. Not pictured: Jill Pynenberg. (Submitted Photo)

When and Where Can I Vote?

Tues. March 9 Wed. March 10 Thr. March 11
Beginning at 8 a.m. Via website Ending at 5 p.m.
Beginning at 9 a.m. U.C. Concourse Ending at 3 p.m.

The Debtor Center booth will be operated on Tues. only, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

New voting options aim to increase student turnout, ease of process

SGA hopes on-line voting will attract students

After a large student turnout for a referendum vote last October, SGA hopes to increase voting numbers for the presidential elections next week.

Last year’s presidential elections brought in just 506 total votes.

In order to make the voting process less time consuming and easier for all students, a website has been established for students wishing to vote electronically.

While the standard voting booth in the University Center Concours and Debtor Center will be operated by SGA, the website allows students to vote without leaving a computer lab.

"With this web site set up, there’s no excuse for students not to voice their opinion in this election," said Chris Keller, chairman of the Election Committee.

Students will receive a notice via e-mail informing them of the web site address, http://uwsp.edu.org.sga.vote. A simple click of the mouse will take them to the site. After entering the login ID and password, a student will select from his/her college, and place a vote. Each enrolled student will be allowed only one vote.

Write-in votes will still be accepted, however, all write-in ballots must either be filled out in person, at the U.C. voting booth, or at the Debtor Center booth or e-mailed to the address on the web site.

Students need to bring their university I.D. to both the U.C. and Debtor locations.

Any student found to have voted more than once between the three locations will have all votes rendered invalid.

SGA: Elections next week

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With a combined three years of SGA experience behind them, the pair brings a wide array of insights, easily putting the sum above the individual parts.

"Ryan brings to the ticket a vast knowledge that crosses so many ideological boundaries," Halverson said. "She will be able to know, every aspect of student organizations."

"I feel that Andrew is an ideal leader within the student government," Nelson said.

"He is a person who will fight for student rights and stand up for the student voice at UW Stevens Point."

Among the issues targeted by their campaign, Halverson and Nelson want to inform students of their rights under the Wisconsin law (369.5) that allows a say in university governance.

"It’s a precious right that is granted to university students of this state, by a state law, which is a right that we cannot ignore as students," Halverson said. "We must tap the power of that statute in any way, shape or form at this university. That’s my ultimate goal if elected your president."

Nelson, if elected vice president, will be focusing largely on the shared governance aspect of the university, including the amount of segregated fees charged to students.

"I plan on taking a strong look at the fee structure, so we can see a lessened increase on an annual basis," Nelson said. "I hope to increase student involvement through SGA on this aspect, as well as increase student awareness about the role of SGA as the primary voice of the students."

Increasing students’ presence throughout the university picture is also a goal for the coming year if elected.

Comparing students in the 1960s rallying through the Vietnam War, the Halverson/Nelson ticket hopes to raise a few issues that can become an area for students to work together on.

"One of the most important is financial aid," Halverson said. "I think that we as a demographic need to direct a lot of personal attention to this area," Halverson said. "Whether it be on the state level, federal level, or even the White House, students need to start getting involved in the legislatures to increase the government’s stance on students."

SGA elections will be held next Tuesday through Thursday and all enrolled students are urged to participate.

Call Chris or Christina at 346-2249, if you see news happening, or if you are interested in writing for The Pointer.

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I have been lying through this column the entire year. All my wishing and hoping for this mundane populous of students to awaken and enjoy the fruits of the day have been nothing more than an act; a desperate attempt to find something inside myself.

The hours past have taught me an important lesson about the existence. In front of me, a path lies, somewhat worn and somewhat known.

In urging others to follow me down this path, I never once contemplated what the journey would be like alone.

The hours past have taught me beyond belief. As the elusive quality is in reach, I feel the sweat dripping from my brow, anxious while I'm taunted with the idea of actually being loved by another human.

After all, that's all anybody really wants from this world. All the BS from day to day; needless distractions and endless confusion pale in comparison to three little words uttered beneath a soft breath.

Yet, I am scared of this human necessity. I'm scared of not being good enough for this love, the thing that has haunted me forever; scared of not making the right choices in accepting, or running from this love.

Scared of the fact that a person can love flaws a mile-wide and imperfections so obvious to my reflection in the mirror.

Instead of owning up to these fears and concerns or admitting that I was at fault, I brought out the worst aspect of the human race in myself. I turned my self-doubt upon her and made her suffer for my own self-consciousness.

I gave up, not once or twice, but several times, rather than embrace the opportunity fully and completely.

I gave up so I wouldn't have to face my own shortcomings as a person; a fact I will regret until my death. Thanks to my naiveté, I walk alone, down a desolate corridor. The once sunny path has made way for dark walls and sheltered solitude.

Love has been labeled many things, by many people. Above all, love is bold and begs to be heard. The sad fact remains for those like myself, love is not for the naive; it is not for timid.

Dear Editor:

The laptop policy under consideration is a terrible idea. One of the things that makes UW-Stevens Point a great college is it offers a quality education for much less than other colleges across America. The tuition is kept at a low level by eliminating unnecessary costs from the curriculum.

This proposed policy requires students to buy or lease a very expensive computer and it is a very unnecessary expense. Laptops are unfeasible for many reasons.

First, let's consider the expense. (These prices are all retail and taken from www.pricewatch.com.) For a new top-of-the-line computer, it would cost about $1,000-$1,200. This computer would outperform most laptops and can be upgraded.

In four to five years or so the university could upgrade the most out-of-date parts (hard drive, RAM, motherboard, CD-ROM and case) of the computer for about $600. These computers lack portability, but save the university tons of money.

The top of the line laptop is almost $2,000. In five years they will be worthless because they can't be upgraded. Auction them off for ridiculous prices or use them as paperweights if you want, because these computers can no longer do the things that college students demand of them.

The university has stated that the computer labs are crowded and that laptops would help solve the problem, but the university could just as easily lease PCs at a greatly reduced cost.

A second reason laptops are a bad idea is that they are required! If I have an awesome computer in my dorm room, do I really need a laptop computer? This plan requires people to pay an extra $700 per year for something they might not need.

A third reason that laptops are a bad idea is that they are easily stolen and broken. Laptops are very fragile computers and without proper care can easily be destroyed. Most students, in my opinion, do not know enough about computers to properly care for and use laptops.

I don't know how many times I have sat at a residence hall computer terminal and found a hand-written note that said "this computer doesn't work," when somebody left a disk in the drive and the
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By Dave Miller
WILDLIFE SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Approximately 20 miles south of Stevens Point at Buena Vista Marsh, one of the last remaining populations of greater prairie chickens resides. The prairie chicken at one time had a range covering the southern half of the state, being abundant throughout the grasslands and open areas of the state.

Changing land-use has had devastating effects on the chickens and if not for the effort of people such as Frances and Fred Hamerstrom, who both studied under Aldo Leopold, the bird would have been lost from our state. The Hamerstroms identified the problem, brought it to the attention of the public and began an incredible success story in habitat conservation.

Today, over 15,000 acres have been acquired at Buena Vista Marsh for prairie chicken management through the efforts of the Department of Natural Resources, the Society of Tympanuchus Cupido Pinnatus and the Dane County Conservation League.

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By Allison Plute
OUTDOORS REPORTER

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Roche-A-Cri offers a quiet escape

By Joe Shead
Assistant OUTDOORS EDITOR

Roche-A-Cri State Park near Friendship recently held its annual candle-light ski/hike. The event, which has been held for approximately seven years, draws people from a broad area, including Wisconsin Rapids and Madison.

"In the past we've had up to 200 people. This year it was light because of the weather," said Janet Boddy, a Friends of Roche-A-Cri member.

The ski/hike consisted of a 1.4 mile trail. At the end of the trail, participants found a bonfire complete with hot chocolate, baked potatoes, hot dogs and cookies awaiting them.

"It's very beautiful because we use candles all along the 1.4 mile loop. If we have a clear night, the whole landscape glows," Boddy said.

Participants included young couples, families and even seniors with their dogs.

"The events at the park are simply to encourage the park. We think once they're there, they'll come back again," Boddy said. "It's very family friendly."

This event, and others like it, is sponsored by The Friends of Roche-A-Cri State Park, a non-profit organization.

Friends groups such as the one at Roche-A-Cri State Park are major contributors of both funds and work to state parks. Currently, there are over 50 Friends groups, each affiliated with a state park or trail. The Friends of Roche-A-Cri also belong to The Friends of Wisconsin State Parks, which is a sort of umbrella to the various statewide Friends groups.

"Friends groups are an extremely useful tool that the DNR is absolutely in support of," Boddy said.

Annual admission into Roche-A-Cri is $18, but the Friends hold certain events in which the fee is waived, the ski/hike being one of them.

The next free event is the open house which should be held near the first weekend in June.

Currently, Roche-A-Cri is preparing to work on the prairie it is trying to restore.

Boddy said Roche-A-Cri is a nice place to visit because it's not utilized as much as other parks so it's not as crowded. It's also a small place, with only 400 acres before the addition it received last summer. These characteristics combine for a peaceful setting.

The only drawback may be the lack of facilities, but the Friends of Roche-A-Cri hope to change this by adding a learning center and flush toilets.

"It's on Highway 13, so not a lot of people come and find us," Boddy said.

But those who do are not disappointed.

Drinking water quality to be reported

Upcoming workshops will help public water utilities meet new federal requirements that provide consumers with information regarding the condition of the water in their system.

The 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act amendments require all of the nation's public water systems that regularly serve an average of at least 25 individuals daily to provide Consumer Confidence Reports to all public water consumers by October 1999.

A public water system can be either a community system—like a municipality, a mobile home park or a subdivision—or a non-community system, like a school, factory or wayside. The reports will include information on the source of the utility's drinking water, the treatment used to purify water, any contaminants that have been found in drinking water and the potential health effects of those contaminants. Reports will also identify where additional information about the water supply can be found and how citizens can become involved in protecting water sources.

After the initial report in October 1999, utilities must provide updated reports to their consumers annually. Individuals not receiving reports or notice of their availability by early November 1999 can contact their local water provider for a copy.

A half-day workshop, hosted by the Wisconsin Rural Water Association in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, will be held in Plover on March 11.

More information is available from the Wisconsin Rural Water Association at (715) 344-7778. Registration for this meeting is necessary.

Rec. Services offers spring events

By Ryan Gilligan
OUTDOORS REPORTER

Ok, I admit it. I suppose I'm just a little anxious for spring. I know, in December I may have been cursing the t-shirt and shorts weather but surprisingly this mild winter has taken its toll, and even ice fishing can no longer keep cabin fever from getting under my skin. Fortunately, with each day lengthening day we're all just a little closer to enjoying warm, sunny days, open water and Belt's ice cream.

If you're aching to get outdoors this spring but coming up short on good ways to do it, Recreational Services might be able to help. Aside from a spring break trip to Big Bend National Park in Texas and another to Moab, Utah, they will also offer several fun mini-courses in the following months.

Though it may not exactly be a true springtime activity, this month's programs will begin with a sled-dogging mini-course on Saturday, March 6. The course will provide students with a first-hand introduction to the unique sport of dogsledding.

If mushing a team of dogs isn't quite what you have in mind for getting rid of those late winter blues, there are many other activities to choose from. On March 24 there will be a hang-gliding mini-course, which will be followed up by an actual hang gliding trip on April 25.

On Saturday, April 24 Recreational Services will be taking a trip to the Wausau climbing wall at the Woodson YMCA. Participants will be provided with climbing supplies and instruction on proper techniques.

The cost is $20 for students, $25 for non-students and includes the cost of transportation to Wausau and all equipment rental. Sign-up starts on March 22 at noon in the Allen Center.

A horseback riding mini-course will be held on May 1. If a planned trip isn't for you, Recreational Services can still help you enjoy the nice spring weather with their usual equipment rental, where students can get their hands on a wide variety of equipment ranging from canoe sets to golf clubs.
A nostalgic journey to the Lake District

By Lisa Rothe

Often times we overlook that which seems to be most comfortable, preferring to take the worn backseat to life, fearing the ultimate gift itself. William Wordsworth, an inspiring Romantic poet, captured his own inescapable inspirations within the Lake District in Northeast England. Uninhibited as a monarch caught in the Whiteman, writers of "The English Lakes," "outsiders thought that the region was wild and inhospitable, a horrifying land in which the valleys were too dangerous to enter and the mountains too immense to pass."

The mountains tell the story of two major geological upheavals millions of years ago randomly carving into the earth the distinct shapes and patterns that I was fortunate to hike upon. Contrary to the settler's fear of the intrusive mountainside, my eyes saw the landscape as clear as J.M. W. Turner, renowned painter, had as my mind stumbled to piece together unconnected poetic phrases. Toward the end of the 19th century, Victorian thinkers were convinced this immersion in Nature was the closest any mortal would ever get to heaven. Baffled, I embraced the warmth of my successful quest to the omnipotent Gaia. Timeless and perfect.

"For I have learned to look on Nature not as in the hour of thoughtless youth, but hearing oftentimes the still, sad music of humanity, nor harsh, nor grating, though of ample power to chasten and subdue ... a motion and a spirit that impels all thinking things, all objects of all thought, and rolls through all things," penned the inspired Wordsworth in his poem "Tintern Abbey."

It seems a travesty not to declare every hiking experience a notch of happiness upon your smile lines. With the greatest sincerity, I claim the Lake District to be more than a happy memory or a roll of never-good-enough pictures. The hills breathed deeply, exhaling life into the root coloured prairie grasses. The wind strummed a tune heard only to the ears of conscious hikers while the unrelenting hail sliced into my own thoughtlessness. "I wandered lonely as a cloud that floats on high o'er vales and hills..." Wordsworth wrote in 1815 what I related to in 1999.

Schmeeckle Reserve Spring Programs

• Tap into the season of the Maple Moon: Take a historical look at how Native Americans and early settlers harvested maple syrup. Afterwards, satisfy your sweet tooth with the taste of maple syrup on home made ice cream. Sunday, March 21, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

• Viewing the Blue Moon: Let science and folklore take turns exploring the moon and its pull on people around the earth. Then step outside and scope the moon in a new light. Wednesday, March 31, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

• Of Frenchmen, Fur and the Great Beyond: The saga of the voyagers and their link to the region's colorful past and our present love of the north country. Come delve into stories and song that pertain to these scarlet-sashed rogues. Sunday, April 18, 2-3 p.m.

• Why do Birds Fly South for the Winter?: Find out why, and discover other mysteries of bird migration. Meet some early spring migrants and learn to identify them. Wednesday, April 28, 6-7 p.m.

• Nocturnal Noises: A wise up on the beauty and benefits of owls by visiting this campfire rendezvous. Relax while a live great horned owl shares the secrets of his life. Saturday, May 8, 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

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Chickens
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The opportunity to sit in a blind is offered to all students and is an experience not soon forgotten. It takes the commitment of an hour one evening to learn the techniques and procedures for counting in the blinds. The most important element is having the willingness to arise before the sun has risen and get out to the blinds.

To sit among the prairie chickens as the sun rises and to hear the booming is a powerful experience. In 1961 Willis Sullivan made his first trip to the spring booming grounds and quickly moved to organize the Society of Tympanuchus Cupido Pinnatus, which is a key fundraising powerhouse in the effort to save the chickens.

Times for informational meetings will be 7 p.m. Mondays and 6 p.m. Wednesdays starting on March 22nd in a room to be determined. Mornings for students to go out to the blinds begin April 5th and run through the 30th. For more information contact the Wildlife Society Office 346-2016 or contact Dave Miller at dmill952@uwsp.edu.

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4. Two passes to The Festival of Beers from the Stevens Point Brewery.

Nominate a bartender you know who displays the ten criteria below:
1. Quick service/promptness.
2. Knowledge of drinks — not having to look up drinks all the time.
3. Cleanliness of bar.
4. Years of experience.
5. Quality of drinks.
7. Aura going above and beyond the duties of bartending.
8. Conversational skills.
9. Responsibility — carding customers whose age is questionable.
10. Other attributes you feel should be considered.

Have questions? Call 346-2249 and ask for Mike Beac or e-mail mbeac796@uwsp.edu.

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A while back I was walking along, minding my own business, when I saw something that, frankly, disturbed me.

I happened to notice a rusted pickup truck waiting at a stop sign. My eyes wandered over the truck, and I saw that the rear bumper bore a sticker reading, "Nice People Swallow." This, of course, was meant to "answer" the stickers adorning the bumpers of (thankfully) many other cars in the Stevens Point area which read, "Mean People Suck." Seeing one of the latter always brings a smile to my face. I've never been able to understand why so many people I've met over the years seem determined to be nasty and unfriendly to those around them. And I don't buy the argument that it comes from one's upbringing; my childhood was filled with mean people, yet I didn't decide to mimic their actions. Seeing a "Mean People Suck" sticker let me know that there was at least one other person who agreed with me.

Then here's this clown with a sticker proclaiming his allegiance with those who find it necessary to treat their fellow human beings as if they were less than such. On top of it, the put had a Dallas Cowboys sticker on his truck.

Has anyone besides me ever found it disheartening the way our society takes pleasure in knocking those who try to spread a positive message? Take "Barney," the foam rubber purple dinosaur created for a children's TV program. A few years ago, some lyrics to a song featured on the program ("I love you, you love me, we're a happy family") became a kind of catchphrase. As the "Barney" craze grew, so did a backlash of ridicule, which culminated with the national news proclaiming that a group of teenage boys had physically beaten a man wearing a "Barney" costume at a shopping center promotion. The news story was found by many to be humorous.

Get my drift yet?

Or how about the infamous "smiley face" that became nothing short of a national symbol in the '70s? You're less likely to see the original version on somebody's t-shirt than you are to see an altered version, in with the face sports a bullet hole complete with blood running from the wound.

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What's in a name? – Knutzen Hall

Student favorite Knutzen believed in living simply

By Mike Kemmeter

If Norman Knutzen was still alive today, he'd be very proud the residence hall bearing his name is now an "Eco-Hall."

The former UW-Stevens Point English professor loved nature and patterned his life after Henry Thoreau, living simply.

Knutzen spent his free time at his rustic cottage on Pike Lake in Marathon County and invited his students to visit him there too.

A favorite of students during his 32 years teaching various English courses at UW-SP, Knutzen retired in 1963 only to stay on a part-time basis. For three years he then continued to teach, work as an admissions counselor and direct the campus Glee Club.

Knutzen founded the Glee Club in 1933 and the club soon became recognized nationally. The group performed at several well-known places, including the New York's World Fair, West Point Military Academy, Soldier Field and the National Federation of Music Club Convention in Miami.

While Knutzen directed the Glee Club for over 30 years, his teaching obviously came first.

He created a new class called Midwestern Literature, where students studied folklore in central and northern Wisconsin. He used personal interviews with colorful guest speakers and oral recordings to add flavor to the class.

Not a fan of the straight lecture format, Knutzen used numerous field trips, including ones to his Pike Lake cottage.

His teaching style made him so popular that students complained they couldn't get into his classes after three years of trying.

And parents liked him so much that they urged their children to enroll in his classes.

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Horne brings puppet relations to Point

By Tracy Marhal
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Ventriloquism is a dying art. Is this because the progressiveness of the 90s has allowed even puppets to speak for themselves? Is it because you puppets and people just can’t relate to each other? Whatever the reason, a resurrection of ventriloquism is necessary. But what mortal can handle such a task?

“Dan Horne can.”

When I was five years old, I brought my doll in to perform for the class. That was pretty much a disaster, they laughed me out of the room.

But do not fear, Horne’s no quitter. “I was known as the kid who played with dolls from that point on. But now I’m laughing – all the way to the bank.” Horne gave his playing-dolls routine another try in front of his college audience, and judging by his appearances on Comedy Central, VH1, and Fox’s Comic Strip Live, this performance went a little better. Perhaps even good enough to resuscitate a dying art.

Now, Horne and his partners perform at college campus regularly. Horne’s leading dirty old man, Orsen, especially knows how to liven up the college crowds.

“During the most racy parts of the show, students tend to respond to more.”

Orsen isn’t the only star of Horne’s show. He has a slew of puppets, not only to perform with, but to work with.

They went on strike. They wanted dry cleaning at least twice a week and holes in the carrying cases for air.

Horn said the situation was relieved, but he still has to be careful about where he can touch his female puppets. You can see Horn and crew at The Encore Thursday at 8pm.

**Word of Mouth**

- **MOVIE NIGHT**
  Come see the REAL best picture of 1997. This Friday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in The Encore, check out L.A. Confidential for $1 with ID, $2 w/o.

- **BENCH PRESS CONTEST**
  Everyone is invited to participate in the 1999 Coca-Cola Iron Dog Bench Press Contest at the UW-Stevens Point Strength Center. The contest begins March 1 and continues until supplies last. The weight classes include 100, 200, 250, 300, 350 and 400 pound lifting. The entry fee is $3 for members of the Strength Center and $6 for nonmembers, and includes an all-day pass to use the center. If you complete a lift, you receive a t-shirt with that weight on it.

- **TWO GREAT BANDS**
  Kick off your spring break on March 11 with Tundерchief at 8 p.m. and the Plasmic Style 3 at 9:15 p.m. in The Encore. There is a $5 donation at the door, and all proceeds go to the Luekemia Society of America’s Team in Training Program. Come dance and support a good cause. The program is sponsored by numerous UW-Stevens Point organizations.

- **BRAIN DRAIN**
  The Ultimate Trivia Gameshow is being held in The Encore on Tuesday, March 9 at 8 p.m. You can win cash prizes and play in teams. Come warm up for Trivia ‘99 with Brain Drain.

- **STUDENT ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTER RAFFLE**
  The Student Academic Advising Center is holding an “Early Bird” raffle for those undeclared majors who meet with their advisers from March 1-12 (before spring break). Students who meet with their adviser during this period to choose courses for summer fall ’99 will be eligible to win an assortment of prizes: a UW-SP windbreaker, MS Publisher software program, as well as donations from area restaurants, movie theaters, etc.

- **MISSION**
  The Newman Parish is holding a mission during a four night series of one hour gatherings of reflection, scripture and prayer. Sunday through Wednesday, March 7-10, check out the Newman Center’s renewal meetings.

- **CHICAGO TRIP**
  On April 9 and 10, spend your time in Chicago visiting art galleries, the Shedd Aquarium and do some shopping. Leave on a charter bus at 6 a.m. on Friday and return on Saturday at around 10 p.m.

- **DECADE DISCOTHEQUE**
  It’s the University Center’s 40th birthday! Help celebrate at the Decade Discotheque on Thursday, March 4 from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the main art hallway. Cost is only $55 per student, sharing a room with three others.

- **TASTES OF THE TOWNE**
  Hibachi Joe’s is a great place to find Chinese food. (Photo by Douglas Olson)

Hibachi Joe’s preparation combines the taste of lemon and garlic with soy. I learned that hot Japanese Saki was available, so I ordered – some to go with the meal. Some crab rangoons seemed the perfect appetizer to the meal.

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By Ethan Meyer
RESTAURANT CRITIC

As a lover of oriental cuisine, I am disappointed that I waited this long to visit Hibachi Joe’s Japanese restaurant. Just a stone’s throw from Main St., and across from Associated Bank on Church St., the establishment is not only easy to locate, but is within walking distance of downtown.

We arrived at an off hour, as usual, and were seated in the upstairs dining room immediately. Menus were distributed and I ordered one of the many imported beers available.

For the beer enthusiast, Japan, China and Korea were some of the exporters represented on the drink list. The establishment’s namesake section of the menu caught my eye immediately. My reasoning was that if the restaurant was named Hibachi, the Hibachi style food would obviously be the best.

I ordered the Hibachi lobster and my fellow diner chose the Hibachi steak (10 oz. New York Strip).

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New Radicals to play Point
Band opening for Goo Goo Dolls

By Tracy Marhal
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

What images pop up in your mind with the words "pop culture"? Do you see the generation-X kids created by Pepsi commercials? Do you see young people who want to spread their message through love and music. If you see the latter, you see the New Radicals.

The Michigan-born man whose latest CD, "Maybe you've been brainwashed too," speaks boldly on the band's MCA webpage about fighting social injustice and prejudice.

The New Radicals open for the Goo Goo Dolls April 13 at Quandt Fieldhouse.

Wanna go to the show? Here's how you can:

Advance Tickets for Students:
Friday, March 5 at 10 a.m.
At the Arts and Athletic Ticket Office

For the General Public:
Monday, March 8
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You're wrong!
Has religion become more important this day and age?

By Nick Katzmarek
FEATURES EDITOR

Do we "need" religion in this day and age? While tempted to launch a diatribe about the futility of justifying necessary beings, I'll attempt to restrict myself to the topic at hand. Just ho! if I wander too far.

I can't really see this age as being different than any age that we've had.

We have more technology, for sure, and rely on scientific medicine to prolong our life rather than burning sage and painting our bodies.

What does this mean? I'm not sure, apart from the fact that it seems to make the question moot.

People will always need the solace of religion. That seems to be a dyed-in-the-wool fact.

In this so-called enlightened age where technology and science are our religions, we still have bombs exploding in the name of preserving religious sanctity. And while it's certainly within someone's rights to place trust in a higher power, it's not something that I think we need "now more than ever."

What does this mean? It doesn't mean that I think you should abandon any religious belief that you have right now to worship technology and science.

It doesn't mean that I think you are worse off in this day and age if you are a "believer."

It means that I don't think you should suspend any reservations you have about religion and march out and join a church or synagogue.

It means that I don't think your moral fiber will suffer if you don't accept the existence of god.

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Tues. Mar 9- Game Show "Brain Drain": Encore ♦

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Contest: City ordinance prohibits nude displays

"However, the most beautiful girl, below the top of the areola ... " female contestant who won was the crowd's reaction. In my opinion, did not take off her clothes and was booed by the crowd. I respect her for that." took place on the establishment's dance floor. A representative of Bruiser's management, speaking on terms or permitting any female as a judge for the male "boxer choices for the finals based upon pose to view any portion of the said Sara McDermott, who served the contest completed and their management, "Bruiser's Night Club does not have a prize even though she broke the rules. According to Stevens Point ordinance, "It is unlawful for any person to perform or engage in any nudity will result in immediate disqualification."

"I thought it was weird that the female contestant who won was awarded the prize even though she broke the rules. According to the representative, "The crowd's reaction had a lot to do with it. We didn't want to seem like jerks." Bruiser's ownership released the following statement to The Pointer:

"Bruiser's Night Club does not condone topless exhibition during these contests. These were a few isolated conditions. In the future, any nudity will result in immediate disqualification."
Swimming and diving headed to Nationals

By Jessica Burda

With one of their strongest conference seasons behind them, the UW-Stevens Point swimming and diving teams are sending nine of their athletes to Nationals.

After both the men and women swept the conference dual season and remained undefeated, a repeat for the men and a first for the women, the Pointers suffered disappointing losses to the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds at the WIAC Championships meet two weeks ago.

Although the season is over, UW-SP is well represented heading into the NCAA Division III meet. For the women, Becca Uphoff and Christine Sammons will compete March 12-13 at the University of Miami (Ohio). Uphoff will swim in the 200 backstroke, 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle, while Sammons will race in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke.

The Pointer women's relays barely missed qualification for Nationals.

“We're looking for their best times,” coach Al Boek said, “to do well in their individuals.”

The UW-SP men are anticipating sending seven athletes to the meet (participants were not available at press time).

The Pointer team will include Randy Boekl, Dave Willoughby, Jeremy Francioli and John Stevens who were national champions last year in the 400 medley relay.

Rounding out the seven man team is Nick Hansen, Anthony Harris and diver Kevin Engholdt.

Leaving the competition in their wake

UW-Stevens Point National Individual Qualifiers

Women

Christine Sammons
Becca Uphoff

Men

Randy Boekl
Kevin Engholdt
Jeremy Francioli
Nick Hansen
Anthony Harris
John Stevens
Dave Willoughby

Wrapping up a career

Club Sports and Schedules

Women's Hockey

After finishing up an impressive season Saturday in Wisconsin Rapids, the UW-Stevens Point women's hockey club advances to the Midwest Collegiate Women's Hockey Alliance playoff tournament this weekend.

Point begins their playoff action Friday and will continue on based upon their tournament record.

Opponents and game times have yet to be announced.

MCWHA Tournament

River Falls, WI
March, 5, 6, and 7, 1999
-Begins Friday at 5 p.m.
-Championship Game held Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Quote of the Week

“I don't say a prayer for Coach Floyd every night, but I do mention him in my prayers.”

-- Milwaukee Bucks head coach George Karl on Chicago Bulls head coach Tim Floyd.

--Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Comes back lead Falcons past Point
Semifinal losses likely end hockey team's season
By Jesse Osborne

In a season where expectations ran high, the UW-Stevens Point hockey team's quest of returning to the NCAA semifinals essentially ends the season for the Pointers, who are not expected to receive a bid to the NCAA playoffs.

"It's disappointing because we have a good team," Pointer head coach Joe Baldarotta said. "We played well enough to win both games but got knocked out."

The series loss also marks the end of the careers of six senior members of the team, Kevin Maxson added a score for a 2-0 lead heading into the first intermission. From there River Falls took control of the game, scoring the next three goals, one which bounced off a Pointer stick and the other ricocheting off a UW-SP skate.

The Falcons added a backhanded goal by Maxson past Falls goaltender Brady Alstead at 5:24 of the first to knot it 1-1. Just under a minute later, Derek Toninato found Mikhail Salienko out in front of the net and Salienko knocked one home for the 2-1 lead. Point kept the pressure on and in the 17th minute it paid off twice as Troy Michalski notched a short-handed goal and Matt Interbartolo scored on a breakaway 29 seconds to give UW-SP a commanding 4-1 lead after one period.

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The Falcons made an immediate statement as Bill Matzke picked up a loose puck and scored on a breakaway just ten seconds into the game for the 1-0 lead. UW-SP bounced back with a backhanded goal by Maxson past Falls goaltender Brady Alstead at 5:24 of the first to knot it 1-1. Just under a minute later, Derek Toninato found Mikhail Salienko out in front of the net and Salienko knocked one home for the 2-1 lead.

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Most embarrassing moment: Probably, not remembering all of last practice.

Most memorable moment: Beating Platteville at Platteville my sophomore year.

Major: Communication

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Who was your idol growing up?: Larry Bird and my cousin Eric Montross.

Favorite aspect of basketball: The camaraderie of my teammates.

What will you remember most about basketball at UW-SP?: The standing ovation I received from Mark Fetzer and Andy Palzkill on Senior Night.

On top of their game

Women's Basketball
1. We Could Beat You @ Pinball
2. Team Guthman
3. Dawgz
4. Mixed Nuts
5. CT Jeans

Coed Volleyball
1. Vertically Challenged
2. Hansen Hellraisers
3. Bobbie Bobs
4. Rafter's
5. Snooders

Floor Hockey
1. Waste of Space
2. Getting Nowhere Slow
3. Aut Vincere Aut Mori
4. Kolt 45

Men's Basketball
1. Hump Thunder
2. Da Playaz!
3. Skunky Bush
4. Not the House Pancakes
5. Hoosiers

Women's Volleyball
1. Dawgz
2. Garden Peas
3. Pointer Sisters
4. Ruby May
5. Who Framed Roger Rabbit

Soccer
1. Buzz Killers
2. Wang Dang
3. Kevin Lambo
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I'VE BEEN IN HERE SINCE 1969...

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To Be Continued...
Character-driven drama *Sky* flies high

**By Nick Katzmarek**

**FILM CRITIC**

At the heart and soul of the strength of Hollywood is the character-driven drama. While the viewing public is on the verge of entering mining every once in a while, if the viewing public is on the verge of entering mining gener-ration is genuine. film that deserves better than it's true, we care for these characters; as much to us as our own do. We care for these characters; as much to us as our own do.

At the heart and soul of the characters.

The movie focuses on the life of Homer Hickam, a young man who enjoys the finer things in life. Murphy is a street hustler who winds up in jail. When Ackroyd's employers, the Duke brothers, make a $1 bet to see if they can switch Ackroyd for Murphy, their lives take 180 degrees turns.

The result is a picture that gives us a look at character from many angles: family, school, peers, romantically and as a look at people's futures. An excellent film that deserves better than it's doing at the box office.

**Rentals**

**Trading Places**

Trading Places with comedians Eddie Murphy and Dan Ackroyd was one of the better comedies of the 1980s.

When Ackroyd's employers, the Duke brothers, make a $1 bet to see if they can switch Ackroyd for Murphy, their lives take 180 degrees turns.

**State’s Citizen disappoints**

The idea of liking a band because of geographical origin is completely ridiculous. I don't care if they came from Milwaukee or my very own home town, I like what I like, and I don't like them. In my mind, the only thing they really had going for them before was that they were original. It's not that I'm calling them bad musicians or anything like that. I'm saying that originality, if nothing else, demands respect. Now with the signing of a major record label, their sound changes and becomes, in the words of News Editor Chris Keller, "processed bubble gum." That threw my respect for them out the window.

Do I think you should rush out to buy this disc? I think you all know my answer. That you don't have to take my word for it though. Just because I think it sucks doesn't mean that you won't like it. If you do go out and buy "Mobile Estates" however, just remember that "I told you so."
Hockey

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but Point still held a 4-3 advantage.

The Pointers, who couldn't afford a tie and needed to force a mini-game, were dealt a crushing blow as Jared Anderson picked up the game-tying goal with just 4:27 remaining.

Forced to pull goaltender Dave Cinelli, the Pointers were unable to score and the Falcons added an empty net goal with 32 seconds left.

"We gave it our best shot, we played hard," Baldarotta added.

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My companion stated that she never had them. I explained that they were made from crab meat mixed with cream cheese and wrapped in a won-ton like shell.

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![Image of a hockey player]

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Sound Off!

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You see, although we tend to take life for granted, it is actually a rare and precious thing. Time we spend not enjoying life is wasted time indeed. And time we spend deliberately trying to prevent others from enjoying it is nothing less than destructive.

So, those of you who have taken the time to read this instead of rushing off on an errand, where you will fight with others for parking spots and the last dalmation Beanie Baby, please take a moment to consider how lucky you are to have all that you do. And any time you can spread the message you do so, as stated by the New Radicals in their song, "you only get what you give.

Not that it's necessarily that easy. When I saw the nasty bumper sticker I mentioned before, my first instinct was to teach the truck's owner how wrong I felt his message was... by dragging him out of the truck and beating the tar out of him.

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computer restarted and didn't recognize the disk. If people can't figure out how to eject a disk and get floppy disks stuck in zip drives, how are they going to care for a $2,000 laptop?

In addition to the fragile nature of laptops is the possibility of theft. Would you carry $2,000 in your wallet anywhere? PCs are much more difficult to steal than laptops, because of their size and the fact that they are left in your home.

The university says at the end of your education, you could keep your computer or sell it back to the university for the market's going rate. Is this a joke? Your laptop will be almost worthless by the time you graduate. If you choose to sell it back you would be deemed "extremely lucky" to get more than $200 for it.

College students use computers for e-mail, word processing, and the Internet. Is it necessary to do these things on a laptop? Sure it's really neat to do those things in the Sundial, outside on a beautiful day instead of crammed up inside a crowded computer lab, but is it worth an extra $700 per year?

If the university wants to "create an exciting leading edge teaching/learning/education environment" it can do it by making additional computer labs or leasing real computers instead of "expensive toys."

The publicity of this policy would ensure help UW-SP, but would it help the students?

Chris Race

UW-SP student
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